Dear Parents and Caregivers

During Lent, your school will be participating in Project Compassion which is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year the theme for Project Compassion is **Learning More. Creating Change**.

In each of the six weeks of Lent, schools will be sharing weekly stories that reflect this year’s theme. These inspiring stories will tell how the lives of six people have changed through our schools’ support of Caritas Australia’s development programs.

The Federation has formed a partnership with Caritas Australia to support your family to share in this Lenten journey with your children.

Each week we will share ways you can talk together about the messages in each story and, together, be inspired to learn more and create change.

**Week One: Doney’s story**

View the video of Doney’s story here:

Find out more about Malawi where Doney and her family come from:

Reflections:
Like Doney, you value a good education for your child.
What do you hope for your child?

Consider this:
“A Catholic education aims to prepare young people to contribute positively to the work around them”. What do you hope from your child’s education in a Catholic school?
Family conversations:
Talk with your child about your hopes for them.
Share with your child why you think education is important.
Talk about the work that Doney and her community are doing.

Pray together:
Loving God, we thank you for the talents and abilities you have given each of us. We celebrate the strengths of Doney and her community. May we learn to remember Jesus in each person, and to see strengths of each person. We pray for the people in Malawi, that they may have all the things they need to live. Amen.

Plan together:
You may wish to consider some ideas for a family fundraiser for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.

Yours sincerely

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